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y, Ottawa Co., Mich.

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and Justice of the Peace.

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States, in connection with a General Agency  
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or at Law. All business entrusted to me will be  
promptly and satisfactorily attended to. Resi-  
dence, Charleston Landing, Ottawa Co. Mich.

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ty Clerk's Office, Grand Haven, Mich.

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Rathbun Buildings, Monroe st., Grand Rapids.

ALL articles in the Book and Stationery line,  
Paper Hangings, etc., supplied on the most reason-  
able terms.  
J. TERHUNE, Jr.

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**DR. L. A. ROGERS**, Surgeon Dentist, Office in  
Dr. Shepard's New Block, Monroe st., Grand  
Rapids, Mich., where he may be found during  
business hours.

**FERRY & WALLACE**, Dealers in Fancy  
Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware  
and Groceries. Water st., Grand Haven, Mich.

**Thos. W. Ferry, Noah H. Ferry.**

**FERRY & CO.**, Manufacturers of Lumber, and  
Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Provisions,  
Shingle-Bolts, and Shingles. White Lake, Oc-  
cena Co., Mich.

**FOSTER & PARRY**, Wholesale and Retail  
Dealers in Hard and Hollow-Ware, Iron, and  
Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, foot  
of Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

**STONE & CHUBB**, Manufacturers of Plows,  
Cultivators, and Grain Cradles, and dealers in  
all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and Ma-  
chines. Agricultural Warehouse, Canal street,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

**STEPHEN MONROE**, Physician and Sur-  
geon. Office over J. T. Davis' Tailor Shop.—  
Washington street.

**FERRY & SONS**, Forwarding and Commis-  
sion Merchants. Central Dock, Grand Haven,  
Mich.

**JOHN T. DAVIS**, Merchant Tailor. Shop on  
Washington street, second door west of H. Grif-  
fin's store.

**HOPKINS & BROTHERS**, Storage, Forward-  
ing and Commission Merchants; general dealers  
in all kinds of Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain and  
Provisions; manufacturers and dealers whole-  
sale and retail in all kinds of lumber. Mill  
Point, Mich.

**C. DAVIS & CO.**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groce-  
ries, Provisions, Hardware, Crocker-y, Boots and  
Shoes, &c. Muskegon, Mich.

**OTTAWA HOUSE** (formerly William Tell Ho-  
tel), Levi Shackleton Proprietor, Water street,  
Grand Haven, Mich.

**WASHINGTON HOUSE**, By Henry Penoyer.  
The proprietor has the past spring newly  
fitted and partly refurnished this House, and  
feels confident visitors will find the House to  
compare favorably with the best in the State.

**HENRY GRIFFIN**, Commission Merchant and  
General Agent, Dealer in Salt, Flour, Dry and  
Green Fruits, Provisions, Family Groceries,  
Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, &c., &c., at his old  
stand opposite the Washington House, Grand  
Haven, Michigan.

**A. B. BIDWELL & SON**, Confectionery and  
Bakery, Grand Rapids, Mich. C. B. Albee agent  
for Grand Haven and vicinity.

**CORN SHELLERS**, Various Kinds, at  
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

**PORTABLE HAY PRESSES** (Vertical and Hor-  
izontal) for sale at  
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

**STRAW**, Hay and Cornstalk Cutters at  
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

## TIME!!

**CLOCKS** of all kinds, for sale cheap by  
H. C. & W.

**PAINTS**.—100 Kegs Pure Buffalo, No. 1 White  
Lead, in oil, dry White and Red Lead, and  
permanent Paris Green, in oil, at  
GRIFFIN'S Drugstore.

## POSITION OF THE DEMOCRACY

Mr. Appleton, the editor of the *Eastern Argus*, (Portland, Me.) who had been absent from the country as Secretary of Legation at London, resumes the editorial chair with an elegant and graceful article on political affairs, from which we extract the follow-  
ing:

"While we allude to State politics, be-  
cause they have naturally a prominent po-  
sition in our thoughts at this particular time,  
we do not forget that National Democracy  
have a proud position to defend, and a great  
battle before them to fight. Their banner  
fixes now the attention of the country, as it  
waves over their harmonious organization in  
the new Congress. It will inspire courage in  
our ranks during the approaching Presiden-  
tial canvass, and will float in beauty and tri-  
umph, we doubt not, over the conquered field  
of 1856. Into that contest there will enter  
issues as broad as the Republic, and as im-  
portant as the Union. They are already  
shadowed forth at Washington, where Know-  
Nothingism and sectionalism hold the House  
in confusion, and delay, week after week, the  
organization of Congress. These issues must  
be boldly met, in all their length and breadth.  
Against religious intolerance, and secret oath-  
bound associations to support it; against treas-  
on to the Constitution, and sectional attacks  
upon the Government; against impracticable  
schemes of moon-struck reformers, who strug-  
gle always to tear down and little to build  
up; against that political infidelity which  
reverences no principle, and is satisfied with  
no system, and especially against that mighty  
wickedness which looks forward to its consum-  
mation only amidst the ruins of the Ameri-  
can Union the National Democracy, rein-  
forced, as it will be by many true men who  
have been sometimes misplaced heretofore  
in the opposition ranks, will wage an uncon-  
promising and, as we believe, a most victori-  
ous war. We entertain no fear of discord in  
our ranks upon the selection of a standard  
bearer for the campaign. The Cincinnati  
Convention will have intelligence enough,  
and discretion enough, and moderation  
enough to do justice on this subject to its  
great constituency, and to select a Presiden-  
tial candidate who will command the respect  
and support of the people. Let us send up  
to that august council, from every State and  
District in the Union, delegates of sound  
judgment and upright character, who, with-  
out fear or favor, can consult together for the  
best interests of the country. The interest  
or wishes of any one man or set of men, are  
not to be weighed for an instant against the  
general interests of the party. No one man  
is a necessity to the Democratic party, either  
as a leader or a supporter, and from among  
those whose names will come before the Cin-  
cinnati Convention, we have full confidence  
that some one will be selected whom the De-  
mocracy will be proud to follow."

**YOU DIE AND ARE FORGOTTEN.**—He's  
dead, dead. What, Ned Nolton dead?  
Well he was a good fellow and a warm friend  
of mine; but, I say boys what are you going  
to have to drink? Can't expect to live al-  
ways, you know, and we might as well enjoy  
life while we do live.  
Or, she's dead! No Mrs. Morgan no more?  
Really you don't say so! What will become  
of her poor children? But what a love of a  
bonnet that is of yours; and pray tell me all  
about that party last night. Was it a very  
brilliant affair? Husband is quite sick, but I  
should surely have been there had I not been  
obliged to stay at home to keep him com-  
pany, though I'm sure I didn't do him any  
good. Pray what did Mrs. Morgan die of?  
She always professed a deal of friendship for  
me, and I believe I reciprocated it, though I  
haven't been to see her for a month, and  
hardly knew that she was at all sick.  
So wags the world. You live; and as your  
eager lungs drink in the breath of life, and  
friends crowd around to grasp your hand,  
you fondly imagine yourself the sum of ex-  
istence, nor think the time would soon come  
when those who know you now shall know you  
no more forever, not even in memory. See you  
that hearse, its black plumes fluttering in the  
breeze! He whose body it bears to the last  
resting place, was as noble and as popular as  
you. To-day his name may be mentioned  
casually among his acquaintances, but to-  
morrow he is forgotten even by his friends.  
Do you rail at friendship? Think whether  
you are more true to the memory of the  
deceased—whether your thoughts revert of-  
tener than once a month to those of your  
friends who died only a year or two years  
since. Think, and may you profit by the re-  
flection.

**A BACHELOR'S REFLECTION.**—Bless me, I  
am thirty-nine to-day; six feet in my stock-  
ings, black eyes, curly hair, tall and straight  
as a cedar of Lebanon, and still a bachelor.  
Well, it is an independent life at least; no it  
isn't either. Here those new gloves of mine  
full of rips, strings off one of my most fault-  
less dicker, nice silk handkerchief in my  
drawer wants hemming, buttons off my shirt,  
what's to be done! How provoking is it to  
see those married people looking so satisfied  
and consequential, at the head of their fam-  
ilies as if they had done the State some ser-

vice. As to children, they are as plenty as  
flies in August, and about as troublesome;  
every alley and court and garret are swarm-  
ed with them, they're no rarity; and any  
poor miserable wretch has a wife; enough of  
them too, such as they are!

It is enough to scare a man to death to  
think how much it costs to keep one!—  
Silks and satins, ribbons and velvet, feathers  
and flowers, cuff-pins and bracelets, gim-  
cracks and fol-de-rols; and you must look at  
the subject in all its bearings; little jackets  
and frocks, and wooden horses and dolls,  
pop-guns and ginger-bread; don't believe I  
can do it by Jupiter! But then here I sit  
with the toe of my best boots kicking the  
grate, for want of something to do; it's com-  
ing awful cold and dreary weather, long eve-  
nings, can't go to concerts forever, and when  
I do the room looks so much gloomier when  
I come back, and it would be cosy to have a  
nice little wife to chat and laugh with.

I've tried to think of something else, but  
I can't; if I look in the fire, I am sure to see  
a pair of bright eyes; even the shadows on  
the wall take fairy shapes; I'm on the brink  
of ruin—I feel it; I shall read my doom in  
the marriage list before long—I know I  
shall!

**THE SULTAN'S WIVES.**—The following af-  
fair, which has lately occurred at Constanti-  
nople, has created great sensation there:

A young Austrian, a gold beater by trade  
was riding out a few Sundays ago, when he  
chanced to meet the Sultan's wives escorted  
by a number of eunuchs. The young Aus-  
trian, having cast a glance at a somewhat in-  
quisitive character into the carriage which the  
fair ladies occupied, was dragged from his  
horse by the eunuchs, and handled with such  
severity that he was carried home half dead,  
and still lives suffering from the effects of his  
wounds. The Sultan having been made ac-  
quainted with the facts by remonstrances pro-  
ceeding from the Austrian embassy, caused  
a strict inquiry to be instituted, the result of  
which was, that two of the eunuchs were  
sentenced to five years labor at the galleys,  
while seven other individuals were sentenced  
to receive fifty stripes. The whole of the  
rest were dismissed from the palace. The  
Sultan then sent his physician to express his  
sorrow to the wounded man, with the assu-  
rance that the whole of his expenses should  
be defrayed from his own privy purse, and  
that his wife and family would be cared for  
in future, in the event of his being incapaci-  
tated by his wounds from following his former  
pursuits.

**SOURCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.**—The right  
of Henry L. Schoolcraft, to the honor of hav-  
ing first traced the Mississippi to its source, is  
about to be contested by the Minnesota His-  
torical Society who, as we learn from the St.  
Paul Pioneer, contend that Jean N. Nicol-  
lett, first traced the Mississippi to its source,  
although his exploration was not attempted  
until after Schoolcraft's discovery had been  
published to the world. The St. Paul Pio-  
neer says:—

"Schoolcraft fixed the head of the Missis-  
sippi at Itasca Lake, and reported that the  
Lake was fed by pure springs gushing from  
the hills around it. Two years after School-  
craft visited the lake, the patient unwearied  
Nicollett traced the river to the lake, sur-  
veyed it, found several streams emptying into  
it, and followed them to their origin. One  
of these—the principal one—is now contended  
as the Mississippi river, and as Nicollett  
traced it to its origin, he, of course, is en-  
titled to the honor of being the first white  
man who thoroughly explored the Mississippi  
river."

"Whether Dr. Foster is correct in his as-  
sertions, which we give above, can be ascer-  
tained without any great difficulty. Nicol-  
lett has happily left on record, many manu-  
scripts and printed documents relating to  
his explorations in the North West; and Mr.  
Schoolcraft is reported as very jealous of his  
reputation as a discoverer and explorer."

**THE CUTTING OF MAHOGANY PROHIBITED  
BY HAYTI.**—A letter from Port au Prince,  
recently received in Boston, says:

We have to inform you that the Emperor  
has just published an edict, prohibiting the  
further cutting of Mahogany, and also the  
transportation to the seaboard of what wood  
is now cut in the interior. Only such parcels  
as are already on their way down, or at the  
shipping ports, can be expedited and the  
quantity of these is very small, and our stock  
is nearly exhausted. The only plausible  
reason that can be assigned for this measure,  
which has been for some time in contempla-  
tion, is that his Majesty wishes to turn the  
attention of his people more to the cultiva-  
tion of their fields, and the production of  
more ground provisions, the quantity of  
which has been greatly diminished during  
the past few years, is insufficient for the  
supply of their necessities.

The letter also states that the Souleouque  
is accumulating a large army to invade the  
Dominican side of the Island, and has order-  
ed all the clerks over sixteen years of age in  
Port au Prince, to enlist.

**JENNY LIND** is again singing in London.—  
It is stated that her voice is unimpaired, and  
has all its former richness and power.

## JOURNAL

Of an adjourned session of the Board of  
Supervisors of Ottawa County, holden  
at the County Clerk's Office, in Grand  
Haven, on the first Monday of January,  
to wit, January 7, 1856:

The meeting was called to order by the  
Chairman, and, on calling the roll, the fol-  
lowing members were present and answered  
to their respective townships, viz:

Allendale, G. Reed; Blendon, A. H. Vre-  
denburg; Chester, G. W. Merrick; Crocker-  
y, B. Smith; Casinova, O. Walkley; George-  
town, E. F. Bosworth; Holland, H. D. Post;  
Jamestown, Wm. Arnold; Muskegon, Chas.  
Carmichael; Ottawa, R. W. Duncan; Polk-  
ton, S. Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D. Smith;  
Wright, G. W. Woodward; White River,  
I. E. Carlton; Zeeland, J. G. Van Hees.

(On motion of Grosvenor Reed,  
The committee appointed to settle with the  
County Treasurer were allowed until to-  
morrow evening to make their report.

On motion of Mr. Bosworth,  
Mr. Hazelton was appointed one of the  
committee to settle with the County Treasur-  
er, in place of Mr. Woodward, who was by  
the same motion discharged from the com-  
mittee.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,  
Mr. Van Hees was discharged from the of-  
fice of Superintendent of the Poor, he being  
ineligible to the office.

On motion of Mr. Van Hees,  
John De Pere, of Zeeland, was appointed  
to the vacancy occasioned by the discharge of  
Mr. Van Hees.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,  
It was Resolved, That an informal vote,  
relative to the removal of the county seat,  
be taken to-morrow evening.

On Motion of Mr. Post,  
The Board adjourned to meet to-morrow  
morning at 8 o'clock.

January 8, 1856, 8 o'clock A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.  
On calling the roll, the following members  
appeared and answered to their respective  
townships, viz:

Allendale, Reed; Blendon, Vredenburg;  
Chester, Merrick; Crocker-y, B. Smith; Cas-  
inova, Walkley; Georgetown, Bosworth; Hol-  
land, Post; Jamestown, Arnold; Zeeland,  
Van Hees; Muskegon Carmichael; Ottawa,  
Duncan; Polkton, Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D.  
Smith; Spring Lake, Lovell; Wright,  
Woodward; White River, Carlton.

On motion of Mr. Reed,  
It was Resolved, That the jailer be au-  
thorized to purchase a small stove and neces-  
sary pipe for the accommodation of the in-  
mates of the county jail.

On motion of Mr. Reed,  
The Board of Supervisors of the county  
of Ottawa do enact and establish a high-  
way, leading from the quarter post on the  
north line of section ten, in township five  
north of range fourteen west, to the center  
of section twenty-seven, town six north, range  
fourteen west, thence to the north-east cor-  
ner of said section twenty-seven, thence to  
the center of section twenty-three, town seven  
north, range fourteen west, and from  
thence through the center of sections four-  
teen and eleven, to Grand River.

On motion of Mr. Woodward,  
It was Resolved, That commissioners be  
appointed to establish a certain road leading  
from Zeeland to Ravenna, in accordance with  
the notes of a survey made by Mason East-  
man, county surveyor, now on file in the  
Clerk's Office.

On motion of Mr. Reed,  
The above resolution was re-considered;  
and

On motion of Mr. Post,  
The matter laid on the table.  
On motion, the Board adjourned until 6  
o'clock P. M.

6 o'clock P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.  
On motion of Mr. B. Smith,  
The following act, entitled "An act to  
provide for the organization of a certain town-  
ship in the county of Ottawa," was reported  
and passed:

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the county of Ottawa, State of Michigan,  
That township number seven north of range  
number fifteen west, and all that part of  
township number eight north of range num-  
ber fifteen west, which lies on the south side  
of Grand River, be set off from the township  
of Ottawa and organized into a new township  
to be called the township of Robinson; and  
that the first township meeting for the elec-  
tion of township officers, shall be held on  
the first Monday in April, 1856, at the house  
of Ira Robinson, in said township; and that  
Frederick Ranney, Ira Robinson and Alfred  
Robinson, be, and they are hereby appoint-  
ed to preside at such meeting, appoint a  
clerk and open and keep the polls, and exer-  
cise the same powers as the inspectors of  
elections at any township meeting; and that  
Frederick Ranney is hereby appointed to post  
up notices according to law, of the time and  
place of said meeting, in the newly organized  
township of Robinson.

(The committee on accounts presented sun-  
dry bills, with their report, which were taken  
up singly by the Board and passed upon.)

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,  
The subject of removing the county seat  
was taken up.

Mr. Merrick moved that the county seat  
be removed, the balloting resulting as fol-  
lows:

In favor of the removal, nine; against the  
removal, five.

Mr. Post moved an indefinite postpone-  
ment of the Question. Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Smith,  
The subject was laid on the table.

(On motion of Mr. Woodward,  
Messrs. B. Smith, Carmichael and Hazel-  
ton, were appointed a committee to examine  
a certain safe, intended for county purposes,  
and make a report thereon.)

The committee appointed to settle with the  
County Treasurer, reported progress, and  
asked for further time. Granted.

On motion of Mr. Reed,  
The township of Allendale was authorized  
to raise, by taxation, any sum not exceeding  
five hundred dollars, for highway purposes.

On motion of Mr. Post,  
The township of Holland was authorized  
to raise, for like purposes, any sum not ex-  
ceeding one thousand dollars.

On motion of Mr. Reed,  
The township of Polkton be allowed to  
raise any sum not exceeding one thousand  
dollars, for highway purposes. Motion lost.

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the committee  
on ferries, presented a petition of Garrison  
Storms, praying the Board to increase his  
rates of ferrage—said Storms being the fer-  
ryman, at White River, which petition was  
laid on the table; and

On motion of Mr. Smith,  
The rates of ferrage mentioned in said  
petitioned, were so raised as to stand as fol-  
lows:

For ferrying a man and horse, 15 cents.  
For ferrying a man and span of horses, or  
yoke of oxen, 20 cents.

For ferrying a man and span of horses or  
yoke of oxen and vehicle, 25 cents.

The committee on highways presented a  
petition of R. M. De Bruyn, and others, pray-  
ing for a change of the location of a certain  
highway, running through section seventeen,  
in the township of Zeeland, which petition  
was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Post,  
The Board adjourned until to-morrow at  
8 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday, January 9, 1856, 8 o'clock  
A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

On calling the roll the following members  
appeared and answered to their respective  
townships, viz:

Allendale, G. Reed; Blendon, A. H. Vre-  
denburg; Chester, G. W. Merrick; Crocker-  
y, B. Smith; Casinova, O. Walkley; George-  
town, E. F. Bosworth; Holland, H. D. Post;  
Jamestown, William Arnold; Muskegon, C.  
Carmichael; Ottawa, R. W. Duncan; Polk-  
ton, S. Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D. Smith;  
Spring Lake, Lovell; Wright, G. W. Wood-  
ward; White River, I. E. Carlton; Zeeland,  
J. G. Van Hees.

On motion of Mr. Post,  
The County Treasurer was authorized to  
purchase a suitable stove for the county offi-  
ces.

The committee on highways reported  
through Mr. Smith, their chairman, an act  
authorizing the appointment of commission-  
ers to lay out and locate a highway running  
from the north line of the township of White  
River, beginning at the section corner, be-  
tween sections one and two, in town twelve  
north, range seventeen west, and running  
southwardly to the head of Muskegon Lake,  
and making an appropriation of one hundred  
dollars therefor; and

On motion of Mr. Carlton,  
The above report was taken up and acted  
upon. The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,  
Messrs. Hiram Bean, Charles Carmichael  
and Israel E. Carlton were appointed com-  
missioners to survey and lay out the above de-  
scribed road, and making an appropriation of  
fifty dollars for the expenses thereof.

On motion,  
Leave of absence was granted to Mr.  
Reed, of Allendale.

The committee on ferries reported a peti-  
tion from Henry Penoyer and William W.  
Kanouse, for license to keep a steam or horse  
ferry across Grand River, from Mill Point to  
Grand Haven.

Also a petition from Hiram Bateman  
praying for a license to keep a ferry across  
Grand River, at Steel's Landing; which peti-  
tions were received and laid upon the table.

The matter of change of location of the  
road through section seventeen, in the town-  
ship of Zeeland, was duly taken up; and

On motion of Mr. Post,  
The matter was indefinitely postponed.

The committee on ferries reported a peti-  
tion from Mason Eastman, praying for a li-  
cense to keep a ferry across Grand River, at  
Eastmanville; and

On motion of Mr. Post,